

THE HERALD.

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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 7, 1880.

The Kentucky House of Representatives has a "Bigger" Speaker than any other body in America.

OUR State has a bonded indebtedness of \$180,000 and has assets to meet it aggregating \$708,151.72.

We are sorry that our countryman, Mr. Frank Chinn, was not elected Door-keeper of the House of Representatives.

The reason Judge J. M. Bigger was elected Speaker of the House was because he knew so well how to lead the "bush."

SENATORS E. HILL has come to work in earnest. He has brought in a bill for building a branch penitentiary, and proposes to locate it at Rockport.

JUSTICE favors the liquor traffic license; at least we see from the *Enterprise* that a man in Franklin, Ky., by that name, has opened a saloon.

The Department of Agriculture at Washington, reports 12 per cent. increase in area of the present wheat crop over that of last year.

The Winchester semi-weekly *Star* has been enlarged, and Mr. Francis Quisenberry has become one of its editors. Its teams will be more radiant than ever.

J. P. MAC GREGG, an Irishman of Danville, Ky., has caused Governor Blackburn. The cause is said to be a beautiful one, and was brought from "Ould Ireland."

OUR Senator, Hon. S. E. Hill, has been appointed upon the following committees, viz.: Codes of Practice, Education (Chairman), Executive affairs, General Statistics.

The *Western Citizen*, published at Paris, Ky., has entered on its 73d volume. The proprietors have recently purchased new presses and added a new dress to their paper.

HON. M. T. CARPENTER and John C. Cooper have purchased the *Shelby Sentinel* of A. C. Ellis. They issued their first number January 1st, which bears evidence of superior ability possessed by its new editors and proprietors.

The Hopkinsville *New Era*—that is, the press; we do not know about the editor—is to be run by steam, henceforth. The *New Era* is a live paper, and the editor is the best paragraphist in the State.

THERE is no denying it, Alexander's Hotel is the best house of entertainment in the city of Louisville. While the price is much lower than some of the others, the bill of fare is up to the standard. It is the favorite resort for all the Green River people.

DR. RICHARD C. THOMAS, of Bowling Green, a very prominent physician and citizen, dropped dead on the 28th ult., while professionally engaged. He was a member of the State Board of Health and the vacancy thus caused has been filled by the appointment of Dr. J. N. McCormack, of Bowling Green.

WE invite special attention to the advertisement of Orange Judd Co. The subject of fencing interests every one, and much valuable information on this and many other subjects, with about 600 engravings, are to be given in the 39th volume of the *American Agriculturist*. See what the publishers offer.

THE Republicans of Indiana, through their Executive Committee, have concluded to change the time of holding their State Convention from February 25th, to June 17th. This was done by the advice of about 100 leading Republicans in council at Indianapolis, on the 26th ult. A canvass of the said 100 showed Grant to be the favorite for President, with Blaine second choice.

WM. A. MILLER has disposed of his interest in the *Union Democrat* to his partner, Mr. T. L. Cannon, who is now sole proprietor. The *Democrat's* Cannon in 1880, will throw grape and canister shot and shell into the ranks of its political enemy, the Republican party. It is ten weeks old, began without a subscriber, and now has over four hundred. Success to you, Tom.

JOHN TITMAN, Representative elect from Adams county, started to Frankfort on the 28th ult., and got as far as Lebanon, where he raised railroad connection, and had to await until next day. Next morning it was discovered that he was suffering from abrasion of mind. He is 66 years old, and this is his first appearance in public life, and the excitement produced in assuming this new position doubtless unsettled the old man's nerves. A physician was called in and his family sent for. He will probably recover.

TO-day is no doubt an exciting day in the Down East State of Maine. The Republicans succeeded in electing a majority of the Senators and Representatives. No candidate for Governor got a plurality of votes, so the Legislature select the next Governor of that State.

Governor Garcelon and the Council on technicalities counted out a goodly number more Republicans than Fusionists, and thus changed the face of things. The Republicans threatened rebellion, war, &c., but finally petitioned the Governor and Council to request the opinion of the Supreme Court, which was done.

The Supreme Court members are all Republicans, and decided against the Governor and Council; and the Fusionists claim it is a partisan decision, and urge the Council to disregard it. As yet there has been no clash of arms, but things look equally, and they are probably fighting there right now. We will advise our readers of the particulars next week.

OUR Representative, Hon. R. P. Hoeker, has commenced to carry out the principles advocated by him last summer, as may be seen by the following from the Journal of Proceedings of last Friday. Mr. Hoeker offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

That it is the sense of this House that the pay of the Sergeant-at-Arms and Door-keeper of this House shall not exceed \$5 per day during the session.

Has anyone killing hogs sent the editor a backhoe? He wants one. *Ohio County News*.

We have never brought upon the quality or stiffness of our backhoe, but it has always been too stiff to admit of reselling our political principles for a little change of money, like the *News* editor did. Some one killing hogs would do a charitable act, to take the *News* editor some brains. Some brains would probably be better than no brains at all.

For the last three months we have been absent from this office nearly all the time, setting up business outside. We procured the services of Prof. W. G. Benton, who has done most of the editorial work during that time. He is a ready and forcible writer, and has no doubt been appreciated by the readers of the HERALD.

We are at home again, and from now on will do our very best to make the HERALD acceptable to the people of this and adjoining counties. We will spare no pains to secure this end, and sincerely trust that we will have the encouragement of all the good people in this effort, and hope to make the HERALD of 1880 the newest, brightest, best volume yet issued. Friends, help us, and help us now.

DAVID J. AXTON, for ten years a Commissioner of Spencer county, has three bright boys bearing the following names: Daniel W. Voorhees, William E. Niblack and Thomas A. Hendricks, and the end is not yet. Mr. Axton is a Democrat of the legitimate stripe and gamey ring. *Bowling Greenier*.

Many of our readers will remember Mr. D. J. Axton, as a former citizen of this county. He emigrated from here a short time before the war, and located in Spencer county, Ind. He has held the position of County Commissioner for ten years past, and will probably hold it the balance of his life, as he makes a very efficient officer. "Dave," as we familiarly called him, has amassed considerable property, and is one of the foremost citizens of his county. We have recently received a good sized photograph of him, which will occupy a place in our sanctum.

THE lodgers in the Bandman jail wanted to make their new year calls, and not having the permission of their landlord, Jailer J. W. Tillman, they concluded to go anyway. There were two white and four colored. They awaited until 6 o'clock p.m., and forgot to return. No blame is attached to the jailer.

A Railroad Disaster.

December the 29th, a passenger train left Ellensburg for London. During the early morning, the entire train fell through a bridge some 90 ft. to the water, and disappeared. A hurricane was blowing at the time, and it is not known whether the bridge had been carried away by the wind or not. Not a single soul survived to tell the story of the disaster. At last reporters had been unable to find the wrecked train. The number of lives lost is estimated at 30.

THE Republican National Committee met at Washington on the 17th ult., for the purpose of choosing a Chairman in place of Zach Chandler, deceased, and to determine where and when the national convention would be held. Donald Cameron, of Pennsylvania, was elected Chairman, and the convention will be held at Chicago, June 3, 1880. Cincinnati, Indianapolis and Saratoga Springs all put in their bids for the convention, but Chicago received a majority of all votes cast.

Notes from the Capitol.

FRANKFORT, Jan. 5, 1880.

The Legislature has assembled, and Frankfort is lively, though the crowd is considerably thinned out since the departure of the numerous defeated candidates for the offices of the House and Senate.

The Senate was called to order at precisely 12 o'clock a.m. on the 31st ult., by Lieutenant-Governor Cauley, and proceeded to organize by electing Mr. V. Prather Clerk, John L. Seel Assistant Clerk, Capt. T. D. Marcus Sergeant-at-Arms, and Duncan Harding Door-keeper.

The House was called to order at the same time by the Clerk of the last House, Mr. T. G. Moore, of Hickman county. A prayer by the Rev. Green Clay Smith, the Clerk announced that nominations for Speaker were in order. The Hon. J. M. Bigger, of McCracken, the Hon. J. D. McWhorter, of Jefferson, the Hon. Charles T. McCreary, of Warren, Capt. T. J. Bush, of Fayette, and Hon. J. Speed Smith, of Madison, were put in nomination. The Hon. J. M. Bigger, of McCracken, was elected Speaker on the sixteenth ballot. Mr. T. G. Moore being the only candidate for Clerk, was elected by acclamation. Messrs. E. Polk Johnson and W. T. B. South were put in nomination for assistant Clerk, resulting in the election of Mr. Johnson.

Several names were placed in nomination for Sergeant-at-Arms of the House, resulting in the election of Wm. E. Bailey, of Woodford county. From among about 35 candidates for Door-keeper of the House, Mr. M. D. Sanders, of Taylor, was elected. The organization of the House was completed about 1 o'clock a.m., January 1, 1880, so you see the Kentucky Legislature kept watch-night.

Several resolutions have been passed by them, by the House, one allowing the daily newspapers to call members to court during the session; one limiting the number of pages to 4 at \$2.00 per day, one reducing the pay of the Sergeant-at-Arms and Door-keeper to \$5 per day. A joint resolution has been passed both houses raising a special joint committee to investigate fully the Penitentiary subject; also one to report on the propriety of redistricting the State into Judicial Districts.

Numerous leaves have been taken in both Houses, but as the committees have not been announced in the Lower House, but little can yet be done.

The Governor's message is voluminous, dwelling at length upon the horrors of the Penitentiary, recommending immediate action on same; also

recommending the raising of the taxes 5 cents on the one hundred dollars. This, we are inclined to think, will not be done, but an attempt will be made to reduce expenses.

The present House of Representatives has members of its body some very young members, while on the other hand, some very able and distinguished members, of whom more will probably be said in the future. ONSERVER.

Christmas—Its Pleasures.

The annual holiday put in its appearance promptly on the 25th ultimo, and found everybody prepared to enjoy themselves. The first event of this long-uninterrupted season, was that of the CHRISTMAS TREE AND FISH FOND.

At Court Hall on Christmas eve. The Fish Pond was under the supervision of the Sabbath School for the special interest of the little folks, at which every little boy and girl in town received a present. The exercises of the evening opened by singing, "Hail Thou Blessed Morn," by the whole school, followed by declamation by Miss Mary Ellen Trille. This was followed by a song by little boys and girls, "The Dying Cyprian." Next was a recitation by Miss Lela Walker, followed by a song by the little boys, "Merry, Merry Christmas." Next was erecting the "Monument of Truth," by the young ladies, followed by "Monument Adorned with Innocence," by little girls. This was followed by a distribution of the presents from the Pond and Tree. During the exercises Mr. Anderson was requested to have two little girls and two little boys sing a song. He selected Misses Mary Ellen Trille and Isabel McHenry and Masters Willie Hardwick and Johnnie McHenry. The Tree was intended for all who wanted to make presents, and was beautifully decorated and richly laden. Mr. G. B. Williams presented Santa Claus to perfection—calling out the name of the owner of each article. Much credit is due Miss Maggie King and Annie Lewis, Mrs. J. D. McHenry, Mrs. A. P. Hudson, Mrs. D. B. Williams, Mrs. D. E. Thomas, Mrs. Henry Field and Mrs. J. Edwin Howe and Messrs. S. W. Anderson, Superintendent of the Sabbath School; J. Taylor Coffman and H. P. Taylor for the interest manifested and assistance rendered in conducting these exercises.

On Christmas night the young gentlemen gave a party at Masonic Hall. Here Torpsichore was the goddess most worshipped, and

light feet tripped swiftly to the viol's twang. Whittled the air with mirth and merriment. The next hop was given by the young gentlemen on Monday night at same place. Here bright eyes, merry hearts and nervous feet looked, beat and danced time to music's beatings.

LEAP-YEAR-MASQUERADE BALL.

The crowning event of the holiday season was that of the Leap-Year-Masquerade ball given by the young ladies of town at Masonic Hall on New Year's night. Invitations issued a week or more previous to the occasion had put our little city in quite a *qui vive*, and as the time drew near the interest and excitement grew intense. The anticipation, however, was not fully realized until the merry throng assembled and the dance began. As it is Leap Year, the ladies reserved the right to choose partners in the dance. Many amusing incidents occurred during the evening. For instance, a round dance would be called—a lady would select a gentleman to dance, and if he could not dance round dances, he would remark that he didn't go that gait. About 11 o'clock supper was announced, the young ladies escorted the gentlemen up to supper, when the masks were lifted and a general laugh ensued. The table, which reached entirely across the room, was supplied with everything that the most delicate appetite could desire or wish. After supper the dance was resumed, which was kept up to quite a late hour. The costumes of the young ladies were marked for their elegance and beauty, while those of the gentlemen were handsome and appropriate. The following are the names and characters represented by the ladies and gentlemen present:

Misses Fannie Brotherton and Blanche Nall, Queen of Hearts; Miss Dottie Phillips, Queen of Clubs; Miss Hannah Craig, Peasant Girl; Miss Annie Griffin, Titania; Miss Annie Anderson, Highland Mary; Miss Lillie Walker, Scotch Lassie; Miss Mary Pendleton, Snow Queen; Miss Eva Griffin, Goddess of Liberty; Miss Katie Hardwick, Fanchon; Miss Lizzie Vayle, Aurora; Misses Lucy Gray, Jennie Bennett, Lilla Baird and Mrs. D. E. Thomas, Queens of night; Miss Ruth Thompson, Fairy; Miss Josie Duke, Highland Lassie; Miss Annie Hardwick, Sprite; Miss Lizzie Walker, Huntress; Miss Mary Barton, Fairy; Mrs. John P. Barrett, Indian Queen; Miss Jennie Cummins, Fancy Costume; Miss Maggie King, Domino; Seth McWhorter, General of 1776; Capt. S. C. Cox, German Prince; Harry Taylor, Highland Chief; Fred Griffin, Robin Hood; H. B. Kinsolving, General in late war; Willie Maxwell, Harlequin; D. E. Thomas, Clown; W. E. Read, Soldier; Clarence Hardwick, Irish Officer; C. J. Yager and R. C. Hardwick, Twin Brothers in Fanchon; Lycurgus Barrett, Persian King Artaxerxes; J. L. Hill, Highland Hunter; W. P. Hudson, French Courtier; John Collins, Scotch Nobleman; W. G. Benton, Brother Jonathan; W. R. Bonner, Commanche Chief; John C. Thomson, Spanish Mountain Gullie; John P. Barrett, Monk; G. B. Williams, Female Costume; W. H. Eldson, Monk; H. C. Shaft, Polish King; Godfrey McHenry, Devil; Dr. Tyler Griffin, French Officer; H. D. McHenry, Jr., Mephistopheles; Jas. W. Ford, Clown; J. B. Hill, Sailor; Ed. Yager, Fairy; Jig Dancer; Capt. W. H. Sandusky, Roman Knight; J. M. Berry, Jockey.

Thus passed one of the most pleasant events of the holiday season ever witnessed in Hartford.

Beaver Dam Boings.

BEAVER DAM, Jan. 5.

Editor Herald:

Christians passed off quietly; more so than my previous day in the city. Not a fight has been heard of nor even a quarrel. The young

people enjoyed themselves at entertainments. The older persons remained quietly at home. There was too much water and mud for pleasure.

The roads are in a worse condition than for years. Almost impossible to get half a mile from town.

Dr. Vega Berry, of Yazoo City, Miss., is visiting relatives here. He reports the South in a prosperous condition.

A son of Mr. Davage Hoeker was badly injured Christmas day by too much powder. He bored a hole in a log, filled it with powder, put fuse to it, but before he got far enough away it went off and severely injured his leg.

A nice little hop was given at the residence of Dr. W. J. Berry Friday night last. It was rather a surprise to the family, and those who were not there need not feel slighted, as all who knew of it were welcome.

Several car loads of cattle and hogs have been shipped from here during the past ten days, and have brought good prices in Louisville.

Mule buyers are plentiful, and are buying several mules and are paying good prices.

Some crops of tobacco have been sold at six dollars per hundred.

There is quite a demand for *dolls* here, as every one in town was bought by the boys and girls during Christmas, and some children are still crying because they failed to get one.

Find enclosed \$5.00 for four new subscribers.

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The Best Horse-book in the World.

A treatise on the horse and his diseases, by Dr. B. J. Kendall, of Newburg, Ky., cannot be overpraised. It is replete with 21 engravings, and is full of useful horse knowledge. Every horse owner should have a copy of it. We will give a COPY FREE TO EVERY SUBSCRIBER OF THE HARTFORD HERALD FOR 1880.

Rates of Travel.

From Hartford to Louisville, \$5.40
To Elizabethtown and return, 7.25
To Koshe and return, 7.25
To Lockport and return, 1.40
To Greenville and return, 3.15
1-11 J. S. VAUGHN.

Friday, February 6th, 1880.

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Exposition of 1876.

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"Oh, ah! don't do it!" she exclaimed, as we came to the first bridge, at the same time edging me by the arm and turning her veiled face toward me, while her little eyes twinkled through the moonlight.

"Don't what?" I asked. "I'm not doing anything," she replied. "Well, but I thought you were going to take toll," she said. "What's that?" "Well, I declare!" cried the widow, her clear laugh ringing out above the noise of the sleigh wheels. "What toll?"

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"You never heard of toll?" said the widow, most provokingly. "You have never heard that when we are on a sleigh-ride the gentlemen always—"

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